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H. R. 7798

To amend the Plant Protection Act to establish a fund for spotted wing drosophila research and mitigation, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 22, 2024

Mrs. CHAVEZ-DEREMER (for herself, Ms. SLOTKIN, Mr. VALADAO, and Ms. SALINAS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Spotted Wing Abate-
5 ment Trust Act of 2024” or the “SWAT Act of 2024”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds that—

8 (1) the spotted wing drosophila, an invasive
9 species from East Asia, has caused significant dam-

1 age to many valuable fruit crops in the United
2 States, including raspberries, blackberries, blue-
3 berries, strawberries, peaches, plums, and cherries;
4 and

5 (2) the Department of Agriculture estimates
6 that spotted wing drosophila account for a combined
7 20 percent revenue loss across strawberry, blueberry,
8 raspberry, blackberry, and cherry crops, based on re-
9 ported yield losses due to that species.

10 **SEC. 3. SPOTTED WING DROSOPHILA RESEARCH AND MITI-**
11 **GATION.**

12 Subtitle A of the Plant Protection Act (7 U.S.C.
13 7711 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
14 lowing:

15 **“SEC. 420A. SPOTTED WING DROSOPHILA RESEARCH AND**
16 **MITIGATION.**

17 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator of the Ani-
18 mal and Plant Health Inspection Service (referred to in
19 this section as the ‘Administrator’) shall establish a fund
20 within the Department of Agriculture to fund research re-
21 lating to, and activities to mitigate the negative effects of
22 spotted wing drosophila.

23 “(b) ADMINISTRATION OF FUND.—The Adminis-
24 trator shall—

1 “(1) determine eligible recipients to enter into
2 cooperative agreements with, or award grants to,
3 using amounts in the fund established under sub-
4 section (a); and

5 “(2) oversee the activities carried out using
6 amounts in that fund.

7 “(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
8 is authorized to be appropriated for the fund established
9 under subsection (a) \$6,500,000 for the fiscal year in
10 which the Spotted Wing Abatement Trust Act of 2024 is
11 enacted and each of the 4 fiscal years thereafter.”.

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